I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Queenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice Chair Fang (7:05) and Commissioners Choudhury, Lind, Madnawat, Mohsin, Meharu, and Villegas. Alternate Commissions present were Chen, Manassau, and Nguyen. Absent were Commissioner Abelardo and Alternate Commissioner Sangalang.

II. Seating of Alternates
Alternates seated: None.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda
MOTION to approve the Agenda with the following amendments:

**Commissioner Lind** – would like to add Town Hall Meeting to Old Business for a follow-up discussion only.

M/S: Mohsin/Madnawat Ayes: 8

V. Approval of Minutes
MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S: Mohsin/Queenan Ayes: 8

VI. Announcements
Chair Queenan mentioned, on February 17th, the City Council presented a commendation to the Community Advisory Commission and Emergency Preparedness Commission for the successful Town Hall meeting.

VII. Public Forum
Chair Queenan invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

VIII. Liaison Reports

**City Council**
Councilmember Althea Polanski had an excused absence; no information reported.

IX. Old Business

A. **Town Hall Meeting**.
Chair Queenan opened this item up for discussion.
Commissioner Lind mentioned she was disappointed that most of the City Council did not attend when it was advertised that City Council would be present to answer questions.

Commissioner Mohsin thought the event was a big success, this was the best turnout of any Town Hall meeting; he thanked City staff for the extra effort and the Commissioners for doing an excellent job; the Commission sent a positive message and showed the community we were here to listen; Sean was a good speaker, the content of the presentation was good, and people stayed until the end.

Chair Queenan liked the format, but the Q&A may have been cut short because people had a hard time hearing; in the future put Sean on a platform so he's more visible; Tom Williams, Greg Armendariz, and Mike Mendizabal did a good job answering difficult questions.

Chair Queenan like the thoroughness of the Commissioner Lind in keeping everyone in the loop during the planning; it was effective to team with another Commission and suggest in the future teaming with different Commissions to bring awareness to a different issue.

Commissioner Mohsin mentioned the gift bag was very nice and contained good safety items.

Mr. Felix Reliford gave “kudos” to Commissioner Lind for all her hard work and effort in making the event successful.

Commissioner Lind mentioned everyone worked hard and it turned out well.

Chair Queenan mentioned he was impressed with the participation of SAFE members and they were attentive and asked good questions.

X. New Business

A. Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Applications for FY 2009-10

Mr. Felix Reliford explained that the Federal stimulus package approved by Congress includes one-time funds for CDBG programs. The City will receive additional funds (approximately $157,293), but Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has not determined how the money can be spent; they are looking toward job training program. Staff contacted the program applicants and informed them they will not be making a presentation at tonight’s meeting, but rather at the April CAC meeting. Once staff receives the guidelines from HUD, they will be making new recommendations to the CAC.

Commissioners had several questions about the CDBG program and money. Mr. Felix Reliford could not answer any questions about the money from the stimulus package because staff hasn’t received the information, but he encouraged Commissioners that have questions about the program or the process to contact staff to schedule an orientation session.

MOTION to continue the review of the CDBG program applications for FY 2009-10 to the meeting in April.

M/S: Queenan Ayes: 8

B. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports
Chair Queenan received an email thanking the Commission for the opportunity to provide feedback and mentioned five suggestions: (1) would like a farmer’s market or whole foods store in Milpitas to promote healthy eating, (2) have community events to help clean a classroom, park, or neighborhood more than once a year, (3) have a fundraising event (walk-a-thon) to help non-profit (food pantry) organizations, (4) help the residents be more aware of SAFE, and (5) increase the visibility of this Commission and encourage more people to express their voice to help beautify Milpitas.

**XI. Adjournment**

Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. to the April 01, 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barbey, Recording Secretary